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Douglas Bosco State Coastal Conservancy 1330 Broadway, 13th Floor Oakland, CA 94612

RE: Bodega Bay Trail Environmental Document Project Revision

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I write to encourage your support of the redirection of the Bodega Bay Trail Environmental Document Project funds into two related projects. Of the \$100,000 grant, \$85,000 would provide project-specific environmental review for 1.2 miles of Coastal Trail, known as the Harbor Coastal Trail, in Bodega Bay. This would include designing the connection from Birdwalk Coastal Access to the commercial center of Bodega Bay.

The remaining \$15,000 would help complete the Sonoma County Unincorporated Bike and Pedestrian Plan. The Unincorporated Bike and Pedestrian Plan includes the Bodega Bay Trail segments, along with other regional trail projects, and provides programmatic-level environmental review needed for plan adoption.

The redirection of funding meets the intent of the original grant, and moves the County forward with the next trail link in Bodega Bay. This will benefit the 1,400 residents of Bodega Bay and many of the 2 million annual visitors traveling along the Sonoma Coast by creating a safer and more convenient route for pedestrians and cyclists.

Thank you for considering funding this critical next step in implementing the California Coastal Trail along the Sonoma Coast.

Sincerely,

PATTY BERG

Assemblywoman, 1st District

cc: VDeborah Hirst, State Coastal Conservancy
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November 3, 2008

Douglas Bosco, Chairman State Coastal Conservancy 1330 Broadway, 13th Floor Oakland, CA 94612

RE: Bodega Bay Trail Environmental Document Project Revision

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I wish to thank the Conservancy for supporting the Bodega Bay Bicycle and Pedestrian Trail project. With funding from the Conservancy, we were pleased to dedicate the Cheney Creek Bridge and Trail project as part of the California Coastal Trail in August.

I am writing today in support of the redirection of the Bodega Bay Trail Environmental Document Project funds into two related projects. Of the \$100,000 grant, \$15,000 would help complete the Sonoma County Unincorporated Bike and Pedestrian Plan. The Unincorporated Bike and Pedestrian Plan includes the Bodega Bay Trail segments, among other regional trail projects, and provides programmatic-level environmental review needed for plan adoption.

The remaining \$85,000 would provide project-specific environmental review for 1.2 miles of Coastal Trail in Bodega Bay. This would include designing the connection from Birdwalk Coastal Access to the commercial center of Bodega Bay. This section of Bodega Bay Trail is known as the Harbor Coastal Trail.

The redirection of funding meets the intent of the original grant as well as moving the County forward with the next trail link in Bodega Bay. This will benefit the 1,400 residents of Bodega Bay and many of the 2 million annual visitors traveling along the Sonoma Coast by creating a safer and more convenient route for pedestrians and cyclists.

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Thank you for considering funding this critical next step in implementing the California Coastal Trail along the Sonoma Coast.

Sincerely yours,

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Douglas Bosco State Coastal Conservancy 1330 Broadway, 13th Floor Oakland, CA 94612

RE: Bodega Bay Trail Environmental Document Project Revision

Dear Chairman Bosco:

Coastwalk supports the proposed revision to the Bodega Bay Trail Environmental Document project. Sonoma County Regional Parks is requesting a redirection of the Bodega Bay Trail \$100,000 grant to the Sonoma County Unincorporated Bike and Pedestrian Plan (\$15,000) and to fund project-specific environmental review for 1.2 miles of Coastal Trail in Bodega Bay (\$85,000). This will meet the intent of the original project as well as moving forward on the next trail link.

The Unincorporated Bike and Pedestrian Plan includes the Bodega Bay Trail plan, among other regional trail projects. The remaining funding would support project-specific environmental review for the next section of Coastal Trail. The revised project would plan the connection from Birdwalk Coastal Access to the commercial center of Bodega Bay, known as the Harbor Coastal Trail.

The Bodega Bay Pedestrian and Bicycle Trail will benefit the 1,400 residents of Bodega Bay and many of the 2 million annual visitors traveling along the Sonoma Coast by creating a safer and more convenient route for pedestrians and cyclists.

As the primary statewide nonprofit advocating for the completion of the California Coastal Trail, Coastwalk California strongly supports this project. The Coastal trail brings many benefits to Californians including affordable recreation, healthy activities for youth, tourism and economic development. Thank you for considering funding this critical next step in implementing the California Coastal Trail along the Sonoma Coast.

Sincerely,

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November 3, 2008

Douglas Bosco, Chair California State Coastal Conservancy 1330 Broadway, 13th Floor Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Chair Bosco:

RE: Bodega Bay Trail Environmental Document Project Revision

I am writing to request your support for the redirection of the Bodega Bay Trail Environmental Document Project funds into two related projects. The Coastal Conservancy has been a committed supporter to the local community in planning for this much-needed coastal trail thru our community. Your support for this redirection of funds will assist in moving the project forward.

I live in Bodega Bay. I was a member of the Bodega Bay Bicycle and Pedestrian Path Advisory Committee, appointed by Supervisor Mike Reilly. The Committee oversaw the planning and public participation process that resulted in the 2005 Bodega Bay Bicycle and Pedestrian Trails Study Conceptual Improvement Plan. The County has been making steady progress towards implementing the Plan. The first segment, the Cheney Creek Bridge linking Birdwalk Coastal Access and Doran Regional Park was dedicated in August. Monies from the Coastal Conservancy helped make that project a reality.

The Conservancy's funding is in the amount of a \$100,000 grant. Redirecting \$15,000 to the Sonoma County Unincorporated Bike and Pedestrian Plan would help complete that plan. The Unincorporated Bike and Pedestrian Plan includes the Bodega Bay Trail segments, among other regional trail projects, and provides programmatic-level environmental review needed for Plan adoption, and thus for the Bodega Bay Trail.

The remaining \$85,000 would provide project-specific environmental review for 1.2 miles of Coastal Trail in Bodega Bay. This would include designing the connection from Birdwalk Coastal Access north to the commercial center of Bodega Bay. This section of Bodega Bay Trail is known as the Harbor Coastal Trail.

The redirection of funding meets the intent of the original grant. It would move the County forward in planning and environmental review of the next trail link to then allow them to fund and construct this next trail segment for us in Bodega Bay.

This Trail will benefit the residents of Bodega Bay to assist them to safely navigate through town on foot or by bike, a current challenge due to narrow Highway 1 with little if any shoulders. The Trail will also benefit the over 2 million annual visitors traveling along the Sonoma Coast by creating a safer and more convenient route for pedestrians and cyclists.

Thank you for considering redirecting funding for this critical next step in implementing the California Coastal Trail along the Sonoma Coast.

Sincerely,

Norma Jellison Norma Jellison

Resident of Bodega Bay

Member, Bodega Bay Bicycle and Pedestrian Path Advisory Committee

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